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Monday, January 27, 1908.

Wherever he goes, blessings follow the booster.

Newspapers are so useful that even their back numbers are valuable.

Perhaps the ideal safe theater would be one you couldn't break into.

Speed the end of the Thaw trial and the beginning of the baseball season!

Yes: a pessimist is a man who can see nothing in a doughnut but the

"Rolling bones gather no coins."-Atlanta Georgian. Shouldn't shoot

When it comes to the wedding tour. Friday is as good a day as any other on which to start.

Having lost thirty thousand dollars in its manufacture, Mark Twain finds no sustenance in breakfast food.

The claim that typhoid germs are carried in water causes many men to feel quite safe from the disease,

And it looks as if some of the roving Indians in Southern Utah are behaving badly merely for the purpose of becoming "good."

An oyster will turn a grain of sand into a pearl; and sometimes the enterprising promoter will turn bot air

John L. Sullivan recently mauled a man who asked him to take a drink. That prohibition wave must have turned into a comber.

Let a starving man steal a loaf of bread, and see if he will be defended under a plea of having suffered from stuperous melanchely.

In a year from now Cuba must not only be able to walk alone, but must also have acquired the ability to walk a pretty straight mark.

Our Mormon prophets profess to believe in revelations; but not of the sort that The Tribune made in the case of the disgraceful Tanner.

However, it appears that trusts manage to stretch their existence over a greater period than that covered by individual Presidential incumbencies.

The case with which that plot to blow up the mavy was nipped in the bud would persuade one to imagine that it had been budded to order and for the purpose. \*

If we are correctly informed concerning the disposition of a rheumatism patient, Admiral Bob's proneness to State statutes as a primary proposithe use of expletives has not been lessened by his affliction.

· Nevada's Legislature requests the mine operators to abelish the card system; and you may be justified in the magination that this is not the first time mine owners there have been inited to cut the cards.

Mr. Roosevelt declares that Secretary Taft will win in the convention on the first ballot. Now it is up to the

that the man who is able to spend so much money has enough of it to prevent him from acquiring the ailment.

#### THE LATEST HARRIMAN BUITS.

Great interest will necessarily be taken in all this region in the suit brought by Attorney-General Bonaparte to shake loose Mr. Harriman's control of the Southern Pacific lines. and to release his holdings (or that of the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Lines in the Salt Lake Route, the Santa Fe, and other railroad companies.

Mr. Bonaparte claims that there is in the possession of the Department of Justice ample evidence of the violation of the anti-trust (or Sherman) law in the transactions recited in the telegram from Washington printed yesterday morning, which foreshadowed the planting of this litigation. This vidence has been collected by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and is represented as being complete and satisfactory.

There have been rumors in line with this projected litigation for some time, and it has been stated without contradiction that ex-Senator Clark, who headed the project of building the Salt Lake route to Los Angeles, would uncover some things which were not to his liking but that were forced upon him. He gave out that this road from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles and San Pedro was to be an absolutely independent line, as "open gateway" to accommodate all users on equal terms. The acceptance of the conditions to which he had to agree has, it is understood, been a sore recollection to him ever since, and now, if the government will take this matter up in carnest, and in good faith strive to get to the bortom of the transactions, deals, agreements, forced or otherwise, that he is ready to tell the whole story. It will be a story of vast interest to all this region if it is brought out. And by reason of the rumors in connection with this Clark road, especially, the suits that the Attorney-General is bringing are truly sensational for this city and for all this region.

### JUDGE MCPHERSON'S RULINGS.

The dispatches yesterday morning told of the severe handling by U. S. District Judge McPherson at Kausas City of two rebaters, George L. Thomas, whom he fined \$7000, and L. B. Taggart, whom he fined \$4000, for violating the law which forbids the acceptance of or contracting for rebates on railroad transportation. The Judge omitted the imprisonment which he threatened, as he held the railroad company primarily responsible for the violations of the law. The offense was fully proven, but the case against the railroad is yet on appeal.

Judge McPherson, however, came into the limelight even more prominently at week ago, on account of his ruling against the statute passed by the Missouri Legislature forbidding foreign corporations doing business in that State to transfer suits brought against them, from the State to the Federal courts, upon pain of the forfeiture of their charters. The Judge held this statute invalid, because it denied to a non-resident company a right not denied to a resident company, a right that is given in the Federal Constitution and by act of Congress. But a single question is thus presented, Judge McPherson said; The complainant asserts rights under the National Constitution and laws of Congress. The defendant asserts rights under an act of the Missouri Legislature, and insists that there is no conflict. This court holds that there is a conflict, and there being a conflict, the one or the other must give way. And that Constitutional laws of Congress being the supreme law of the and, of course the enactments of the State must yield."

It was not this, however, that drew forth the questioning comment of the Eastern press, but another portion of the Judge's decision, wherein he said: This court is mindful of the criticism by many laymen, as well as by many law-cers, to the effect that United States yers, to the cited that confed states courts have no right, nor even the power, to decree the invalidity of the statutes. The argument, or rather the talk, is that the people know what they need, and that the representatives in the Legislature alone should determine what statutes we must have, and, when so determined and evidenced by legislative enactment, that the courts should not interfere by decree evidenced by legislative enactment, that the courts should not interfere by decree, and thereby thwart the legislative will. In other words, that it is well to limit the thwers of executives and courts, but a written constitution restraining legislative bodies is all wrong, and that Great Britain has the model government.

Officers of the State, two, often decry the power of the Nation. "State rights" is their shibboleth. The most attractive argument to some lawyers of recent days is that the State courts alone in the first instance should pass, upon the question as to the validity of State statutes, with the right of the defended party to carry the case for final decree to the Supreme Court of the United States. Such arguments are plausible, are convincing to many good people, but are so dangerous as to amount to a heresy. It is the extreme of "State rights in a new form. It is not easy for the lay mind to see any heresy in the proposition that

see any heresy in the proposition that State courts ought to deal primarily with the question of the validity of State statutes. It is quite true that the Federal courts may also deal with tion, and often do so. dealing in each case would logically, be on a different basis. The Stare courts would deal with the State statutes on the question of their conformsbility to the State Constitution; the Federal Courts on their squaring with the Constitution of the United States. We are quite aware that this, though a logical line of division of the powers and activities of the State and the Pederal courts, not the actual line of division; for

conformity to the Constitution of the been purchased by moneys stolen from that where a question of the Federal Constitution is involved, it should be left to the Federal courts, and not to State courts, to decide, conformable to the logical rule above indicated. Otherwise his ruling would be itself the daugerous heresy.

#### THE JANUS-FACED PRIESTHOOD.

For the purpose of showing that the prophets are one thing to the world, and another to the Mormon people. The Tribune will present the recorded utterances of the chief priest of the titbegathering cult, just as he delivered them upon two separate occasions. In the one instance, Joseph F. Smith engaged himself to the task of whitewashing bimself before the outside world, by means of a pretended interview ob tained by the Pittsburg Times, which he gave out on April 3, 1907. Upon the other occasion he was preaching his regulation sermon to the saints at Kanosh, on May 23, 1899, the report of which was printed in the Deseret News of June 10th following. In both cases we select his remarks concerning the tithes, giving the conflicting sentiments in juxtaposition:

It (the tithing) is not exacted from the church. It is a voluntary offering. Many do not pay it at all. Some only pay it in part. Nevertheless, I assert that no man has been excommunicated for non-payment of tithes.—Smith to Pittsburg Times.

It has been read to us that he will not observe this law [speaking tithing] shall not be found worthy stand among us, and I have read it the book of the law of the Lord, as a the book of the law of the Lord, as re-corded by the authority of the prophet, Joseph Smith, that their names shall be erased from the records of the church, both they and their families, and they shall have none inheritunce in Zion.— Smith to saints at Kanosh.

There are many uses to which it is put. One is the care of the poor.—Smith to Pittsburg Times. It is generally the devil's poor and the nt is generally the devil's poor and the poor devil's Laping Brigham Young] that are ready to clamor for help from the tithing office, if they have only a semblapee of standing in the church.—Smith to saints at Kanosh.

But, in our efforts to care for the welfare of the people, that is not all that is done for the poor. We take care of them until they can be provided with employment, if able to work at all. If unable to work, they are cared for.—Smith to Pittsburg Times.

I would like to give the bishops a key on this matter. A bishop is under no obligation to feed or clothe those poor who have never had their names put upon the tithing records of the church.—Smith to saints at Kanosh.

There can be no difficulty in grasping the ideas of the double-dealing Smith in these two separate instances. He desired to appear before the world at large as a saint of the immaculate brand-benevolent, charitable and a Good Samaritan generally. Before the Mormon people themselves he had two objects in view-one to frighten them into liberal contribution, and the other to frighten them out of the idea of ever expecting any of their money back. To the world he made himself appear to be a benefactor to the poor of his church, overlooking any slight misdoing on their part, and desiring only to help them on to a betterment of their own condition. Speaking to the saints, however, be intimates to them that if they be so poor as to seek succor, they are children of the When talking for publication in a wicked Gentile community, Smith declared that tithe paying was not considered to be a compulsory law of the church, and that no man is ever excommunicated for non-payment. In the presence of his own people, he holds up the bugaboo of excommunication and apostasy as the inevitable penalty for failure to contribute.

But it is yet to be proved that Smith feels any discomfort over his inconsistency as herein displayed. He cares nothing at all about that. He has become so accustomed to utilizing brutal falsehood as a means to defend his personal criminality, and to aid in his dishouest grafting of tithe moneys contributed by the Mormon people, that conscience is dead and absolutely rotted

at the core. Not long ago-in fact since he gave that supposed interview to the Pittsburg Times-Smith procured the oratorical services of one Brigham H. Roberts in defense of the immoralities of the chief prophet, and in defiance of the decent sentiment and the law of this commonwealth. During the course of that address, Elder Roberts at tempted to justify the church neglect of its own poor by saying that the Mormons had as much right as any other people to place their indigents in the poorhouse, because Mormons pay

taxes. Between Roberts and Smith you may reach the conclusion that the real doctrine of the high priests is that if a man pays tithes long enough to be come poor, they have a right to thrust him into the public almshouse, because the Mormon people pay taxes. If a man, in the church be so poor and helpless that he is unable to pay tithes at all, then they have a right to dump him among the public paupers because he had never paid tithes. So that according to the view of the robbing hypocrites, who wallow in luxury procured at the expense of the hard-work ing Mormon, the poorhouse gets the indigent saint coming and going, paying tithes, or not paying tithes. These contributions are, as lyingly pretended by Joseph F. Smith, collected for the purpose of supporting the needy. Why, then, does Smith, through his mouthpiece, Elder Brigham H. Roberts, claim the right to thrust helpless men and women (who were onec tithe-payers) the first ballot. Now it is up to the country to wait and see what the delagrates shall have to say in the matter.

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State, as well as on their conformity these same tithe contributors, whose to the Constitution of the United continuous payments for the support States. And we believe that what and enrichment of Smith and his likes was in Judge McPherson's mind was have rendered them dependent upon charity in the days of their aged unproductiveness. If the public taxes are to be depended upon for the support of Mormon church poor, then why exact the tithes?

But now comes the amusing part of Smith's sermon to the Kanosh saints. (Never a sermon by that entertaining gentleman, but the risibles are stimulated at one point or another.) He proceeded to quote the word of the Lord, as delivered by John the Revelator, as follows: "And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." And then, having thus quoted the word of the Lord in his canvass for tithes, he turned right around and said. "The Lord has no need of our substance. He is not asking you or me to give him alms."

Now, it is a well-known fact that upon other occasions any speaker for the Mormon church is likely to cite that passage from St. John to prove is more indigestion, and everybody knows there that the things which are "written in the books," and by which the saints are to be finally indexed. are to be finally judged, would pertain to their morals, their honesty, their usefulness to the community, their charity to the needy neighbor, their forgiveness of the erring brother-any or every old thing. This same passage may thus be made to do service in a hundred different ways, just as will best suit "the need of the hour" among the hely ones of the polygamous cult. But the greedy, gold-grabbing, law-defying Smith can find but one reading for the words of the Lord through St. John. The only thing that could possibly occur to his sordid mind as appearing to be written in any book, would be figures-dollars and cents in the United States, and whatever else they may call money in any other language-and all going to show how much he thought the tithe payers owed him after they had atready contributed to their own deprivation and injustice

to their families. Knowing the disposition and characteristics of the chief and most despicable tithe-gatherer-who lies before God and boasts of it, and who dare not render such accounting of moneys entrusted to his care as would be volunteered by any honest and respectable man-we are obliged to agree with him that all poor people who follow and worship him are indeed "the devil's poor;" and we also aver that all who stick to the tithe-paying business long enough will certainly become "poor devils." But let them turn out to be either, we can with all truthfulness say to them that in time of need, the worst place to which they can go for help is the brazen gate of the "the storehouse of the Lord," behind which Smith securely lolls in polygamous lechery and lururious indolence.

## THE FELT FOOLISHNESS.

The Tribune printed the report made by a lady in this city of the contents of a letter read to the Saints in meeting at Syracuse on December 29, 1907. This report stated, in brief that the letter called on the brethren to disfellowship the non-tithepayers, and spoke of the revival of certain ordinances or practices of the church which had for a time been in suspension. This latter was construed by the hearers as referring to polygamy, and in their talks together after meeting was out they freely agreed among them selves that this was what was meant,

Some controversy arose over the correctness of this report, and Mr. Felt, who is The Tribune's correspondent at Farmington, Davis County, furnished us what purported to be a copy of the letter read. This corroborated the report given us by the lady as to disfellowship for non-tithepaying, but omitted any reference to the suspended ordinances. We printed the letter as furnished, and also called attention to the wording of the same as furnished to us, where it is perfectly evident that an important omission is made.

Then a report came to us from our regular correspondent at Spanish Fork. confirming our first received report of this letter. It was read at Spanish Fork, and contained both the tithe clause and that relating to suspended ordinances, and at Spanish Fork as at Syracuse the brethren construed this latter portion of the letter to mean the avowed restoration of polygamy. Mr. Felt, who supplied us the copy

of this letter as printed, called upon The Tribune and endeavored to enforce the idea that nothing was omitted from the letter as furnished us. He ad-mitted that we had printed it precise-ly as received; but that we 'did not understand.'' Mr. Felt is a Mormon understand. Mr. Felt is a Mormon clder. He also publishes a paper at Farmington. In the latest issue of that paper he berates The Tribune for its attitude toward the letter, because we cannot take the same view of he does. He claims that the le he does. He claims that the letter as furnished us was complete, entire, nothing omitted; which is a manifest falsebood; an impossibility, for the let-ter as printed does not 'read.' He also claims that it is perfectly proper to disfellowship members of the Seven-ties when they have grown too old to do missionary work, a piece of heart-less treachery that we would not at-tribute to the Mormon leaders, and ex-pressly disclaimed for them. He also pressly disclaimed for them. He also insolently claims that it is none of our business whether thee tithes are ac-counted for on not. But we have re-peatedly shown that the withdrawal of two million dollars a year from the community resources to squander for personal or corrupt advantage in Ca-nada, Mexico, Washington, or elsewhere, is the business of everybody in the community. It is a crippling bleeding of the community resources, which himof the community resources, which hin-ders advancement and retards business and development in every direction.

From Felt's folly in berating The

# Utah State Press

SHEEP INDUSTRY IS IMMENSE. Eastern Utah Advocate.

It is estimated that about \$6,000,000 was added to the income of Utah during 1907 by the receipts of mution and wool or fully \$500,000 more than the previous year. Around 2.328,000 sheep were shorn last year, with the wool crop placed at 16,285,400 pounds. Prices at the shearing stations ranged from 18 to 25 cents per pound, or around 21 cents on the average. The whole crop brought approximately \$3,419,000.

SEEKERS FOR FARMS.

Price Advocate. Price Advocate.

Salt Lake City real estate offices report a remarkable inquiry for farms, the tides being that in dull times it is more profitable to operate in agriculture than in other forms of enterprise. One dealer says he has had as many as thirty persons in his office within the last two weeks asking after farm properties. These are by no means a drug on the market, and prices are fairly firm. Most of the inquirers are Utah people.

LYING CAUSES INDIGESTION. Emery County Progress

LOCAL OPTION LAW.

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Logan Republican.

The saloon men of Utah are in for some more trouble. At a meeting of the Anti-Saloon league in Salt Lake City a few days ago, W. H. King was elected chairman of the executive committee and it was decided to inaugurate a determined campaign to secure the enactment by the next Legislature of a local option law to apply to all counties, meaning thereby that each county by the vote of the electors should determine whether the county should be wet or dry. That means that Cache people will have the opportunity of saying whether they want saloons—provided the Legislature meets expectations. There is a great preponderpectations. There is a great prepor ance of "good" people in Cache, all a but lots of these good people like good "licker," too.

INDORSES JOHN SPARKS.

Ogden Journal.

For several weeks John Sparks of Nevada has been more prominently in the public eye than any other Western man. His efforts to be true to the State and thus to conserve the best interests of Nevada and the well-being and happiness of the people, have been indorsed by the press generally and by the citizens and business men of that commonwealth. And though the President has deemed it proper to adversely criticise his request for troops to pressrve order at Goldfield, there appears to have been a valid and sufficient reason for such request. In the West—and, in fact, wherever he is known—Governor Sparks is recognized as a man of rare good business judgment, and, in matters of this character, conservative to the very last degree. Every citizen of Nevada stands on perfect equality before him, and the rich or the poor will receive that proper consideration under every circumstance or condition which may prevail. His honesty and integrity of purpose are beyond question, and overy move which he has made had Ogden Journal. which may prevail. His honesty and tegrity of purpose are beyond questi and every move which he has made i been impelled by the promptings of heart truly loyal to Nevada, which loves as he does his life. The Leg lature owes it to Nevada and owes it heartily support him in this hor est endeavor

AFTER THE STATE ENGINEER. Coalville Times.

Our attention has been called time and again to the fact that "Notice to Water Users." that should be properly published in this paper, have been given to the Salt Lake and Ogden daily papers. We have been asked why this was the case and can only say it looks to us that the State Engineer is afraid that the residents of this particular neighborhood. dents of this particular neignight find what his department might find what his department is doing. He knows that all are interested in the distribution of water—then why publish such "notice" in a paper that is not generally circulated in the county from which the water is sought. Either the law is very lame in regard to publishing of these notices or there is something rotten somewhere. The filea of publishing a "Notice to Water Users" in papers that have no circulation in the county whatever. It's all tommy-rot. And we know it has been done. Mr. Engineer, don't you think you would be serving the peo-It has been done. Mr. Engineer, don't you think you would be serving the peo-ple and the State better if you would publish those notices in the county paper in which the water is sought? Or is it with you like a good many other officials -just as soon as you get into office ay "To h-l with the country papers

TIME TO GET HAPPY.

Park Record. Now is the time to get happy if you are not already so. With the improve-Now is the time to get happy if you are not already so. With the improvement of financial and business conditions in the many centers of the East, and the good news coming to us right here at home, there is every reason to believe that the worst of the "hard times" is over and that the improvement beginning to show at the present time will continue and grow through the spring and summer, so that 1908, in spite of the cloud under which it was born, will prove to be one of the best (if not the very best) years in the history of the camp. Today's reports from the metal markets show improvement, and the forecast of those acquainted with the inner workings of markets are very optimistic. Cheer in the worst is very optimistic. of markets are very optimistic, up; the worst is over.

INDIAN WAR HISTORY.

Provo Democrat. The superintendent of Utah county has named a day on which the Indian war veterans are invited to attend the public schools throughout that county : late to the pupils incidents of the late to the pupils incidents of the Indian wars throughout that county and Slate. At these exercises the voterans will war their budges and ribbons. They will be called upon to give some of their experiences during the several Indian wars that occurred in the early settlement of the State, and lay before the children of the schools the historical facts as seen and understood by living winesses. This is an important and wise innovation in the manner of teaching local history in the understood by living witnesses. This is an important and wise innovation in the manner of teaching local history in the public schools. It is but one degree removed from actually witnessing in person the making of those important chapters in our history. Being given by those who were actual participants, the element of uncertainty as to the facts is removed to a great degree. The veterans should, and we believe will, appreciate the importance of the occasion. They will be addressing the future historians, statesmen, scholars and mothers, and what they may say will make everdasting impressions upon the young and tender minds of the pupils. It is therefore incumbent upon them to make some preparation, so that what they say will be to the point and a plain, straightforward statement of fact, without embellishment, having constantly in mind that the statements they make will live after them and will go on record in the tables of the young, active and impressionable intellects they are addressing. In this way they can and will prove an inestimable blessing to the rising generation. The children will get the historical facts comparatively frosh from the fields and will be inspired to reverence the patriots and glorify their magnanimous deeds.

NOT HELD IN VAIN.

Wasatch Wave.

That the Dry-Farming congress will result in much good to the arid States is generally conceded by all who have given the matter any serious consideration, but just how far-reaching these results will be and how soon their influence will be appreciably felt by the farmors and homeseskers of the arid West cannot at this time be foretold with any degree of certainty. If the sentiments expressed by this congress crystallize and result in future legislation along the three proposed, much good may, and undoubtedly will, be accomplished. The arid waster Wasatch Wave.

of this and surrounding States that to-the passing of compliments. If Proof this and surrounding States that to-Steele, or President Shepherd of of this and surrounding States that lo-day furnish only a home for lackesbitis and lizerds will be transformed into beautiful helds of waving grain and other agricultural crops, the possibilities of which can scarcely be estimated. Itially is the pioneer in irrigation and dry farm-ing, and will undoubtedly be the leading factor in domenstrating to the world the great possibilities of the virgin soil of the great Western descris where in all probability water will never run. There are millioms of acres of rich soil in the valleys of this State, practically worth-iers because of lack of water for irriga-tion, awaiting only the day when educa-tion in soil enforce and methods of dry farming shall open the way Or their re-demption from their descri currieces Already thousands of cares of the most remunerative soil of our State are under

#### What Idaho Editors Say

TO FILL A VACANCY.

Boise Citizen: Colonel Hamer, Majo Fred Reid, E. M. Heigho and severa others are out for the Republican nomin-ation for Congress. Like the rest of the people, these gentlemen have come to the cancy that has existed for the last six

GOOD MORTGAGES. Soda Springs Citizen: A loan company in Salt Lake heads its advertisement "Good Mortgages." The only good kind we ever saw was the one we were putting to the company.

SHOW COMMENDABLE SPIRIT. Twin Falls News. The farmers have win Falls News. The farmers have shown a commendable spirit in perfecting their organization. They have only made a start, however, and they must keen everlastingly at it until they are prepared to take over the vast canal system and operate it economically. Their work has only commenced. They have formed the nucleus of a grand organization and if they stick together harmoniously and labor for their mutual benefit they will have accomplished a great work. Not only have they the opportunity to set an example for other Carey act projects, but through their organization they should be able to do business on a wholesale basis and make their own markets. They should be able to offer their products by the trafluload and open up their own avenues for trade. The prospects are very pleasing and the farmers will undoubtedly take advantage of their opportunity. As a class the Twin Falls farmers are second to none. Among them are many of the brighter.

IT ISN'T UNANIMOUS

Idaho Falls Times. While James H. Brady and other Republican bosses have been telling the Easterners that Idaho is solid for Taft, a bunch of Republicans in Ada county have had the temerity to circulate the following. "We, the undersigned voters of the State of Idaho, having the utmost confidence in the principles advocated by the State of Idaho, having the titmost confidence in the principles advocated by Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wiscon-sin and believing him to be a fearless, stern and able leader, and a man of high ideals and of unfalling devotion to the cause of popular government, who has the courage and determination to carry out the policies of President Roosevelt, here-to subscribe our names and pledge our-selves to do all in our power to secure delegates from this State to the national convention at Chicago, who will support convention at Chicago, who will support his nomination as the Republican candidate for President of the United States."

MORMON ASSESSMENTS.

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Idaho Scimitar: In the distribution of information that belongs to the public, the Scimitar has a right to comment on the appointment of Frank C. Brainwell to the position of receiver of the Federal land office at La Grande, in the neighboring State of Oregon. The appointee is a Mormon and is the son of Frank S. Brainwell, a leader and a men of propheroes. well, a leader and a man of prominent in the councils of the church of the Lat ter-day Saints. The bestowal of a valuable government position upon this representative of the Mormon organization is a recognition of the political services of the church. Mr. Bramwell is receiving a the church. Mr. Bramwell is receiving a salary of \$3900 a year and one-tenth of his compensation is pald annually into the treasury of the Mormon church Law, custom- and public sentiment prescribe that no assessment shall be made upon any Federal office in support of a political party, and, under the improved conscience of the nation, the requirement is violated at the peril of the violator. But in the case of the Mormon church, law, custom and the operation of public sentiment are suspended and assessments are freely permitted. Authority for this departure from the inflexible rule that is applied to the Gentile is found in the Mormon book of "Doctrine and Covenants," in reveiation Gentile is found in the Mormon book of "Doctrine and Covenants," in reveiation number 112 divulged by the Lord, through Joseph Smith: Verly, saith the Lord, I require all their surplus property to be put into the hands of the bishop of my church of Zion.

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Pocatello Tribune: One year ago the dry-farm congress was organized at Denver. It's a pretty dry proposition, this matter of raising spuds on land that cannot be irrigated by artificial means; but the gentlemen who have taken hold of it in the Gem State, for instance, are enthusiastic and have accomplished results that will prove of inestimable benefit to those who stake out ground on an artic helt for the purpose of making it blossom gorgeously and profitably. Dry land farming has passed the experimental stage in Idaho. Demonstration has been made that grain will thrive on high and dry bench land, and the product is the very highest grade. On the outskirts of Pocatello are dry farms which last year produced marvelously. The soil of the Snake river valley seems ideally constitued for this sort of cultivation, and Idaho is setting a pace for the other arid States of the West in this particular line of activity. There are thousands of people in this part of the intermountain region who will watch with interest the proceedings of the congress now in session at Salt Lake and will hope to learn a few valuable points about dry farming. The delegates to the congress now in session at Salt Lake and will hope to learn a few valuable points about dry farming. The delegates to the congress are men who know the business and the arid West is sure to profit by this meet-ing of dry land enthusiasts. If they can suggest something that will make dry land farming a success in the arid and semi-arid States, their mission will not have been in vain.

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Idaho Scimitar: Honorable James E. Steele and Honorable O. E. McCutcheon have been appointed by the Governor as delegates to the dry-farming congress, which holds session in Salt Lake City January 22, 24, 25, 26. Mr. Steele has received the appointment as delegate to the Yukon congress, which meets later on There are but three members from the State appointed to this congress. The Honorable James E. Steele is one of the trustees or commissioners of the insane Honorable James E. Steele is one of the trustees or commissioners of the insane asylum at Blackfoot. The Honorable James is president of the stake, embracing lidaho Falis and that immediate section. He is, as president of the stake, the highest Mormon official in that immediate region. Whenever the Governor has any apopintments to make in southeastern idaho he turns to the presidents of the stakes, occasionally he appeints a bishop, and once in a while a notorious lack-Mormon. There are plenty of American Republicans in southeastern lidaho, but they are so greatly outnumbered by the supporters of Joseph F. Smith and polygamy that they are not considered in

Steele, or President Lake stake, who is a objections have the man

BUT HIERARCHY MUST KNOW BUT BIERARCHY MUST KNOW

Blacktoot Republican: Major Fred Rein maiding acknowledgment of its interest of the control of the co

# Nevada Press Opinion

Fairview News.

There is no lack of interest in mit today; with the appearance of the a lining to the clouds that have hovered three menths, we find that there plenty of investors searching for inlining shares. Like all others, the who dead in mining stocks as an imment have simply been in doubt, and snever lost interest. Bright days are

LARGE SCHOOL SURPLUE

Pioche Record.
On January 1 the total amount of I coin county funds was over \$55.00; included the school money. This me the Lincoln county schools will re an appropriation from the State mated at \$15.000, which together over \$10.000 in the general county fund, to be apportioned this month, give the schools the largest surplus had. Pioche Record.

had.

According to the terms of the relyad measure and the orders now of record the commissions' books, the payment the first semi-annual amount of late is due. There seems to be some 50 in the presentation of the old bonds redemption. The new bonds are is Treasurer's possession unsigned.

White Pine News.

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Returns from all over the Size povidence of the fact that the proper and the mining man have no less a now than in the past. The rule property on the first of the year was greatest the State ever witnessed. Tuture looks brighter with every pages. While the return to high-tide appearing may not be made in a week a month or possibly a year, the page promises to grow stendily stronger withe maximum is reached.

the maximum is reached LET NEVADA ALONE. Nevada State Journal.

The Carson News is right to point the uselessness of sending a Con-sional committee to investigate the ing conditions of this State. The when the limits there shall be no further them the labor question. Such a time set to be at hand. The State will provide to be at hand. The State will provide to be at hand. The State will provide the state of the state will be harmony in every furter. We hope, then, that stock will will reach their natural values and the fluctuations that are now noted do no the stock exchanges will come to end. Sturres will be quoted at the set of the property and not according to the property and the property are the property and the property are the property and the property and the property are the property and the property are the property and the propert an other words. Nevada mining will seen to be the legitimate business the really is and not the stock gamble the public would assume from a per of the call list on the New York San Francisco boards. This can as be, however, as long as there is une tainty in the public mind. See was few days of suspense at Carson is done. Capital is timid, investors vacilis. Today they hear of a good proposition they start to put their money into Tomorrow they read that the Carson is slature is in doubt and that properly more unprotected. Instantly they wither money or put it into some madvertised "industrial," that is in probability of dublous stability, but wis based upon Eastern ground. The registrative has caused us already, it conceivable, a loss of hundreds of the sands of dollars that would have some investment in our mines instead of rurning to Wall street after the panie. Nevember.

Is this State prepared to continue in condition of affairs for an indeadils best of time after the Legislature shall be adjourned? We think not. Yet this exactly what the so-called investigation in the same time in it would do no good, for President Roosevelt bas said, this purely State affair and the federal comment has nothing whatever in do it. It is a more question of the State performing its own police duties. It we are going to perform them with fortuight. But we can understand the force is an element that would well the Congressional committee. Its appointment would please that slam beyond computation, for the men who dilberately stood in the way of the William of the Goldfield nince, who depote hundreds of inoffensive, hard-working the net before the anarchists are responsible for the violence that to the munder of Silva-for which critical to the munder of Silva-for which critical to the munder of Silva-for which critical the same new slone the cause of none hard-working atembers of the Minarchist are new alone the cause of none hard-working atembers of the Minarchist are new working atembers of the Minarchist are new alone the cause of none hard-working atembers of the Minarchist are new alone the cause of none hard-working atembers of the Minarchist are at this very mome serving terms in the pealtentiary-who are new alone the cause of none hard-working atembers of the Minarchist, and the cause of none hard-working atembers of the Minarchist, that would keep at the actual of men whose doctrines do not differ those believed in by Coolgres and his brothers-in-arms. Even though it be political year, there are limits to the cheapest politician would dare to and we do not imagine for a moment the suggestion of a Congressional integration of affairs in a sovereign State be adopted at Washington. All that yould asks from how on is just to be alone.

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